

THE GAZETTE.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 9.

SOME PECULIAR PLANTS.—A peculiar plant in the government botanical garden, says a Washington letter to the Boston Transcript, is the so-called barber plant, the leaves of which are used in some parts of the East by rubbing on the face to keep the beard from growing. It is not supposed to have any effect on a beard that is already rooted, but merely to act as a preventive, boys employing it to keep the hair from getting a start on their face. It is also employed by some Oriental people who desire to keep parts of their head free from hair, as a matter of fact. Also found in the botanical garden is the "cruel plant," which is so designated because it catches butterflies and kills them for sheer sport. Its flowers attract the poor little flutterer by the honey it offers, and when the victim lights upon it it fastens the butterfly by the head and holds it fast until the captive dies. Then the flower drops it on the ground and lies in wait for a fresh unfortunate. A curious looking tree from the Isthmus of Panama bears a red round fruit as big as an apple, which has this remarkable faculty, that its juice rubbed on tough beef or chicken makes the meat tender by the chemical power it possesses to separate the flesh fiber. One is interested to observe in the botanical greenhouse three kinds of plants that have real consumption of the lungs—the leaves, of course, being the lungs of the plant. The disease is manifested by the turning of the leaves from green to white, the affection gradually spreading from one spot until, when a leaf is all white, it is about to die. Cruelly enough, as it would seem, the gardeners only try to perpetuate the disease for the sake of beauty and curiosity, all plants of these varieties that are too healthy being thrown away.

EX-TREASURER ARCHER.—Ex-State Treasurer Stephen Archer, of Maryland, continues to improve. He is out of bed entirely and retires at night when he feels inclined. Those who have seen him recently say that he has changed wonderfully since the defalcation was made known. He looks at least 25 years older. His voice is very weak and tremulous. His face is considerably shrunk and very much wrinkled. His step is very shaky, and he cannot walk without the support of a cane or crutch upon some one. He attempted not long ago to walk to one of the fields not far away, and it was with great difficulty that he managed to get there, and he could not get back to the house. The carriage was sent out to bring him back. The trustees have appointed John T. Spicer and James Lee to appraise Mr. Archer's real property. They have finished two of the farms, and will go to Cecil county to day, and on to-morrow or Monday will go to Hazel Dell, Mr. Archer's home. Mr. John H. Holt, an expert accountant, formerly of Baltimore, has been engaged by Mr. Archer's bondsmen to go over Mr. Archer's accounts and books. Mr. Holt has been engaged in the work about two weeks, and finds them kept in a remarkably loose and careless manner. His liabilities will be large and his assets, if any, very small.

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